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NIGHT LEAD NATO

BY ARTHUR GAVSHON

OSLO, MAY 9 (AP)—PRESIDENT KENNEDY'S ADMINISTRATION TODAY PLEDGED FIVE POLARIS-CARRYING NUCLEAR SUBMARINES FOR DEFENSE OF EUROPE AS PART OF AN AMERICAN BID TO BEEF UP THE DEFENSE OF THE ATLANTIC ALLIANCE.

SECRETARY OF STATE DEAN RUSK AT THE SAME TIME ADVISED FOREIGN MINISTERS OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION (NATO) THAT THE UNITED STATES:

1. INTENDS TO KEEP ITS FIVE DIVISIONS, PLUS SUPPORTING UNITS, IN MAINLAND EUROPE INDEFINITELY.
2. INTENDS TO RETAIN EFFECTIVE NUCLEAR STRIKING POWER IN THE NATO AREA FOR AMERICAN AND ALLIED USE.
3. WANTS ITS EUROPEAN ALLIES TO CATCH UP ON THEIR CONVENTIONAL FORCE TARGET OF 30 DIVISIONS -- NOW 3 YEARS BEHIND SCHEDULE AT A LEVEL OF ABOUT 20 DIVISIONS.

THE MOVE BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE WAS DISCLOSED BY AMERICAN SOURCES. IT WAS UNDERSTOOD THE SUBMARINES WILL BECOME AVAILABLE IN 1963. AMERICAN NAVAL SOURCES HERE SAID 14 NUCLEAR SUBMARINES HAVE BEEN LAUNCHED. FIVE ARE OPERATIONAL.

NO REACTION OF THE NATO COUNCIL WAS REPORTED ALTHOUGH IT IS KNOWN THE NEW U.S. COMMITMENT CHEERED THE ALLIES WHEN THEY FIRST GOT INFORMAL WORD OF IT SOME WEEKS AGO.

BUT ANY ELATION THEY FELT WAS OFFSET PARTLY BY THE IMPLICATIONS OF THE AMERICAN CALL FOR MORE MEN WITH BETTER GUNS ON THE GROUND. THE GENERAL TREND DETECTED BY EXPERIENCED OFFICIALS WAS A WISH TO GO ON RELYING MAINLY ON NUCLEAR RATHER THAN CONVENTIONAL POWER PROTECTION.

DISCLOSURE OF THE U.S. OFFER REVITALIZED THE THREE-DAY MEETING OF FOREIGN MINISTERS WHOSE TALKS HAD REFLECTED GLOOM OVER THE INTERNATIONAL SITUATION AND SOME DISSENSION OVER THEIR POLITICAL DIFFICULTIES.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE DAY'S PROCEEDINGS:

ON AFRICAN AFFAIRS -- A LONG WRANGLE TOOK PLACE CENTERING ON PORTUGAL'S ALL-OUT CAMPAIGN TO CRUSH A NEGRO INSURRECTION IN WEST AFRICAN ANGOLA. FRANCO NOGUEIRAS OF PORTUGAL, WITHOUT MENTIONING ANGOLA, ATTACKED THE ATTITUDE OF SOME OF HIS COLLEAGUES WHO REFUSED TO SUPPORT THE PORTUGUESE POSITION IN THE UNITED NATIONS. NOGUEIRAS ASSERTED THAT THE BRITISH COMMONWEALTH STATE OF GHANA HAD PRACTICALLY GONE COMMUNIST. THIS PROMPTED FOREIGN SECRETARY HOWARD GREEN OF CANADA TO REJECT THE SUGGESTION. EVEN QUIET-SPOKEN LORD HOME OF BRITAIN FELT MOVED TO SAY IN EFFECT THAT PORTUGUESE POLICY IN AFRICA WAS OUT OF TUNE WITH 20TH CENTURY REALITIES.

ON GREECE AND TURKEY -- THE COUNCIL DECIDED TO SEND A THREE-MAN FACT-FINDING MISSION AS A FIRST STEP TOWARD LAUNCHING A PROGRAM OF MASSIVE ECONOMIC AID FOR THOSE POVERTY-RIDDEN LANDS. IT WAS CLEAR THE SPECTER OF A POLITICAL BREAKDOWN AND EVEN OF AN ULTIMATE COMMUNIST TAKE-OVER INSPIRED THE UNPRECEDENTED ACTION.

ON INTER-ALLIED TRADE RIVALRIES IN EUROPE -- DENMARK AND NORWAY, BACKED BY RUSK, CALLED ON BRITAIN TO TAKE A LEAD IN NEGOTIATING ENTRY INTO THE SIX-NATION COMMON MARKET. THEY PROMISED TO JOIN IN, TOO, PROVIDED THE BRITISH DO SO. THIS DREW A QUALIFIED PLEDGE OF ACTION FROM LORD HOME.

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ON CONSULTATIONS TO UNDERPIN NATO UNITY -- THE MINISTERS SHELVED AN AMERICAN PROPOSAL TO SET UP A SORT OF CRISIS CABINET WITHIN THE ALLIANCE. THE IDEA WAS FOR AN EXPERT COMMITTEE OF PROFESSORS, NEWSPAPER EDITORS, DIPLOMATS TO SIT IN PERMANENT SESSION STUDYING EXPECTED POLITICAL DANGERS AND TO RECOMMEND WAYS EITHER OF STAVING OFF OR SETTLING THEM. INSTEAD, A BRITISH PROPOSAL WAS ADOPTED FOR CREATING EMERGENCY COMMITTEES ON HOT-POTATO ISSUES AS THEY ARISE -- INSIDE AND OUTSIDE THE NATO AREA. AS AN IMMEDIATE MOVE AN AFRICAN GROUP IS SOON TO BE SET UP.

IN THE CONTEXT OF WELDING ALLIED UNITY TIGHTER, CANADA'S GREEN CALLED, AS GREEN DID YESTERDAY, FOR A NATO SUMMIT PARLEY THIS YEAR.

ON BERLIN -- ALL 15 ALLIES, ROUSED BY RUSK'S LEAD, RESOLVED TO STAND FIRM IN DEFENSE OF THE WEST'S WAR-WON RIGHTS IN THE ISOLATED CITY OF BERLIN AGAINST ANY RUSSIAN CHALLENGE. ALL AGREED SUCH A SOVIET THREAT TO TURN WEST BERLIN INTO AN "INTERNATIONAL, DEMILITARIZED" CITY IS LIKELY THIS YEAR. BUT THERE WERE EMPHATIC PROVISORIES BY SOME OF THE SMALLER COUNTRIES SUCH AS NORWAY, DENMARK AND CANADA THAT THE WEST MUST ALWAYS BE READY TO NEGOTIATE BEFORE THROWING DOWN ANY GAUNTLET. THIS ECHOED BRITAIN'S CALL FOR AN ATTITUDE THAT WAS BOTH FLEXIBLE AND FIRM.

THE AMERICAN PROPOSAL TO DEPLOY THE NUCLEAR-POWERED SUBMARINES AND THEIR COMPLEMENTS OF 16 POLARIS MISSILES EACH -- SOMETIMES CALLED THE ULTIMATE WEAPON -- WAS CONDITIONAL ONLY IN ONE SENSE. THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES WILL RETAIN AUTHORITY TO GIVE THE VESSELS THEIR FIRING ORDERS IF IT EVER COMES TO THAT.

OTHER DETAILS OF THE AMERICAN PLEDGE:

THE SUBMARINES WILL BE ASSIGNED TO THE COMMAND OF VICE-ADM. GEORGE W. ANDERSON, COMMANDER OF THE AMERICAN SIXTH FLEET IN THE MEDITERRANEAN AND OF THE NATO STRIKE FORCE SOUTH. AS A NATO COMMANDER ANDERSON IS SUBORDINATE TO GEN. LAURIS NORSTAD, THE AMERICAN SUPREME COMMANDER OF ALLIED FORCES IN EUROPE.

THE VESSELS MIGHT BE AUGMENTED BY OTHER SUBMARINES WHEN THEY BECOME AVAILABLE, ACCORDING TO RUSK. THEIR ROLE WILL BE TO REINFORCE NORSTAD'S CAPACITY TO DEFEND EUROPE -- IN CONTRAST TO THE EMBRYO-FORCE OF NUCLEAR SUBMARINES NOW PATROLLING ATLANTIC WATERS WHICH HAS THE PRIMARY MISSION OF DEFENDING THE UNITED STATES.

RUSK'S PLEDGE POINTED UP THE EMERGING PATTERN OF THE KENNEDY ADMINISTRATION'S STRATEGIC THINKING.

DEPLOYMENT OF THE SUBMARINES FOR THE DEFENSE OF EUROPE IS INTENDED TO INCREASE THE CREDIBILITY OF THE NUCLEAR DETERRENT. THIS MEANS PUTTING THE RUSSIANS ON NOTICE THEY WOULD BE INVITING ALL THE HAVOC WHICH 80 NUCLEAR-WARHEADED POLARIS MISSILES COULD WREAK FROM THE MEDITERRANEAN ALONE IF THEY LOOSED A MAJOR ASSAULT.

AT THE SAME TIME, BOOSTING THE CONVENTIONAL ARMS AND ARMIES OF ALLIED EUROPE IS DESIGNED TO SHOW THAT SMALLER ADVENTURES COULD AND WOULD BE TAKEN CARE OF AS EFFECTIVELY AS THE CIRCUMSTANCES WARRANT. IT ALSO WOULD REDUCE BOTH THE NEED AND PERIL OF RESORTING TO ATOMIC FIRE IN CASE OF ACCIDENTS OR LOCAL INCIDENTS.

TO SOME EXTENT THIS GIVES A NEW MEANING TO THE ALLIED POLICY OF STALLING A SHOWDOWN OVER BERLIN AS LONG AS POSSIBLE. BY 1963, WHEN ALLIED NUCLEAR POWER WILL BE REINFORCED BY THE SUBMARINES AND WHEN GROUND FORCES ARE STRONGER, THE SOVIETS AND THEIR FRIENDS WOULD BE LESS TEMPTED TO TRY BY FORCE TO ACHIEVE ANY OF THEIR OBJECTIVES IN BERLIN OR ELSEWHERE IN GERMANY.

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OSLO, NORWAY, MAY 9 (AP)--LAST DECEMBER THE LEADERS OF WORLD COMMUNISM MET IN MOSCOW AND SET FORTH THEIR PHILOSOPHY IN A CALCULATED DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES.

SOME EAGER YOUNG DIPLOMATS AT THE NATO MEETING HERE DECIDED IT WAS TIME TO ANSWER.

LED BY DIPLOMATS FROM THE BRITISH FOREIGN OFFICE, THEY DREW UP A NEW KIND OF COMMUNIQUE -- A RESOUNDING DECLARATION SPELLING OUT THE PURPOSES OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION IN LOFTY TERMS.

"IT WAS A WONDERFUL WORK OF LITERATURE," SAID A FRENCHMAN. "THERE WERE WORDS IN IT I NEVER KNEW EXISTED."

BUT THE NATO FOREIGN MINISTERS DECIDED TODAY IT WAS NOT THEIR FUNCTION MERELY TO REACT TO THE COMMUNISTS -- AND IT WAS TOO LATE TO REPLY TO THE COMMUNISTS' DECEMBER DECLARATION ANYWAY.

AND SO WHEN THE MINISTERS ISSUE THEIR FINAL COMMUNIQUE TOMORROW, IT PROBABLY WILL BE COUCHED IN THE SAME OLD PROSAIC TERMINOLOGY LISTING POINTS OF AGREEMENT AND LITTLE MORE.

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VON KARMAN

WASHINGTON, MAY 9 (AP)--A ROCKET SCIENTIST SAID TODAY ANY U. S. RUSSIAN MISSILE GAP IS "NOT VERY DANGEROUS" AND WILL DISAPPEAR ENTIRELY IN THREE TO FIVE YEARS.

THEODORE VON KARMAN, A PIONEER IN THE FIELD OF ROCKETRY, SAID THE UNITED STATES WILL HAVE DEVELOPED, IN THE NEXT FEW YEARS, SPACE SHIPS AND SATELLITES "THAT WILL DO EVERYTHING THAT THE RUSSIANS CAN DO." IN ADDITION, HE SAID, THE UNITED STATES WILL BE AHEAD IN MANNED AIRCRAFT THAT OPERATE IN SPACE.

VON KARMAN RANGED OVER A NUMBER OF SUBJECTS DURING AN HOUR-LONG NEWS CONFERENCE ON THE EVE OF HIS 80TH BIRTHDAY.

HE SAID SCIENTISTS ARE NOT NECESSARILY LEARNED IN STATESMANSHIP AND POLITICS AND THEREFORE SHOULD REFRAIN FROM PONTIFICATING ON TELEVISION AND ELSEWHERE ON THE STATE OF THE WORLD.

HE JABBED GENTLY AT FELLOW SCIENTISTS EDWARD TELLER AND LEO SZILARD, COMMENTING THAT HE HAD WATCHED THEM ON TV PROGRAMS TALKING ABOUT THE FUTURE OF THE NATION.

"I DON'T THINK THAT A MAN SUCH AS EDWARD TELLER CAN SAY WHAT IS THE GOOD OF THE NATION--I DON'T THINK THIS IS A SCIENTIFIC QUESTION," VON KARMAN COMMENTED.

TELLER, DIRECTOR OF THE RADIATION LABORATORY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, IS TO BE THE TOASTMASTER AT A BANQUET THURSDAY NIGHT MARKING VON KARMAN'S 80TH BIRTHDAY. SZILARD, ALSO AN ATOMIC SCIENTIST IS A PROFESSOR AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO.

VON KARMAN ALSO SAID THAT THE UNITED STATES DIFFERS FROM EUROPEAN PRACTICE IN PLACING NON-SCIENTIST ADMINISTRATORS AT THE HEAD OF SCIENTIFIC AGENCIES.

"IT SHOULD BE THE OTHER WAY AROUND--TO DIRECT SCIENTIFIC INSTITUTIONS THE NO. 1 MAN SHOULD BE A SCIENTIST AND THE ADMINISTRATOR SHOULD ASSIST HIM," VON KARMAN SAID.

BUT HE SAID UNDER QUESTIONING HE REFERRED MORE TO UNIVERSITY AND INDUSTRIAL LABORATORIES THAN TO THE NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION.

HE NOTED THAT THE NASA ADMINISTRATOR MUST APPEAR FREQUENTLY BEFORE CONGRESS ON BUDGET MATTERS.

VON KARMAN SAID HE LOOKED FOR GREAT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE FIELD OF AIRCRAFT WITH AIR BREATHING ENGINES THAT WOULD OPERATE IN THE ATMOSPHERE AT ORBITAL SPEEDS.

HE SAID SEVERAL SERIOUS STUDIES ARE UNDER WAY IN THIS FIELD AND SUCH AN AIRCRAFT SHOULD BE IN EXISTENCE BY 1968.

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MOSCOW, MAY 9 (AP)--THE COMMANDER OF THE COMMUNIST BLOC'S WARSAW TREATY FORCES SAID TODAY SOVIET MILITARY MIGHT SMASHED NAZI GERMANY AND ACCUSED "AGGRESSIVE" AMERICAN CIRCLES OF BACKING HITLER IN HIS DRIVE TO CONQUER THE SOVIET UNION.

WRITING IN PRAVDA TO MARK THE 16TH ANNIVERSARY OF V-E DAY, MARSHAL ANDREI GRECHKO SAID THE GERMAN ARMIES TRIED TO DESTROY THE SOVIET UNION'S COMMUNIST SYSTEM "WITH DIRECT ENCOURAGEMENT AND SUPPORT OF THE AGGRESSIVE CIRCLES IN THE UNITED STATES, BRITAIN AND FRANCE."

"THE SOVIET PEOPLE UPSET THE PLANS OF THE ENEMIES OF PEACE, DEMOCRACY AND SOCIALISM," HE WROTE. A SUMMARY OF HIS ARTICLE WAS ALSO DISTRIBUTED BY THE SOVIET NEWS AGENCY TASS.

THE ARTICLE FEATURED THE SOVIET CLAIM TO THE WORLD'S MOST POWERFUL MILITARY FORCES. GRECHKO SAID THAT REACTIONARIES IN THE WEST HAVE NOT LAID DOWN THEIR ARMS AND "AMERICAN IMPERIALISM, EMBODYING IN ITS POLICY THE IDEOLOGY OF BELLIGERENT REACTION, NOW COMES OUT AS THE MAIN FORCE OF AGGRESSION AND WAR."

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IN PRAGUE MODERN ROCKETS WERE DISPLAYED BY THE COMMUNIST CZECHOSLOVAK ARMY IN A PARADE BEFORE PRESIDENT ANTONIN NOVOTNY TO CELEBRATE THE COUNTRY'S LIBERATION FROM NAZI OCCUPATION 16 YEARS AGO.

DEFENSE MINISTER BOHUMIR LOMSKY DECLARED THE COUNTRY'S ARMED FORCES MUST BE STRONG AND VIGILANT "BECAUSE THE IMPERIALISTS CONTINUE IN THEIR FEVERISH ARMING," ESPECIALLY IN WEST GERMANY.

THE OFFICIAL NEWS AGENCY CTK SAID THE ROCKETS CAME AT THE END OF THE PARADE WHICH INCLUDED LIGHT AND HEAVY ARTILLERY, ENGINEERING EQUIPMENT AND HEAVY TANKS. BOMBERS AND PURSUIT PLANES ROARED OVERHEAD.

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BERLIN, MAY 9 (AP)--WESTERN SOURCES SAID TODAY THE SOVIETS ARE DOWN-GRADING THEIR OCCUPATION FORCES IN DIVIDED BERLIN BY PUTTING THEM UNDER COMMAND OF A COLONEL INSTEAD OF A GENERAL.

U.S., BRITISH AND FRENCH FORCES IN THE CITY ARE HEADED BY MAJOR GENERALS.

THE SOVIET UNION RECENTLY REMOVED MAJ. GEN. NIKOLAI F. ZAKHAROV, WHO HAD BEEN ITS COMMANDANT IN BERLIN FOR MORE THAN THREE YEARS. ONE SOURCE SAID HIS REPLACEMENT WOULD BE A COL. SOLOVIEV, BUT NO FURTHER INFORMATION WAS AVAILABLE.

IN RECENT MONTHS, ZAKHAROV HAS BEEN LESS AND LESS VISIBLE TO WESTERN OFFICERS. SOME OBSERVERS BELIEVE THE SOVIETS WERE SOFT-PEDALLING HIS ROLE BECAUSE OF THEIR CONTENTION THAT EAST BERLIN IS NO LONGER PART OF THE OCCUPIED CITY, BUT THE CAPITAL OF COMMUNIST EAST GERMANY.

THE WESTERN POWERS REFUSE TO ACCEPT THIS.

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OSLO, MAY 9 (AP)--DENMARK CALLED ON BRITAIN TODAY TO TAKE A POSITIVE LEAD IN BRIDGING THE TRADE GAP NOW DIVIDING WESTERN EUROPE. THIS MOVE CAME AT THE MEETING OF NATO FOREIGN MINISTERS. IT PRODUCED A CAREFULLY WORDED AFFIRMATIVE REPLY FROM BRITAIN'S FOREIGN SECRETARY, LORD HOME.

DANISH FOREIGN MINISTER J. O. KRAG EXPLAINED THAT HIS COUNTRY WAS WILLING TO NEGOTIATE TO BECOME A MEMBER OF THE COMMON MARKET IF BRITAIN DID LIKEWISE.

BOTH BRITAIN AND DENMARK ARE MEMBERS OF A RIVAL TRADE GROUPING-- THE EUROPEAN FREE TRADE ASSOCIATION. TAKING HIS CUE FROM THE DANE, BELGIUM'S FOREIGN MINISTER, PAUL-MENRI SPAAK, SAID KRAG HAD MADE AN IMPORTANT STATEMENT WHICH OUGHT TO BE DISCUSSED FULLY BY THE NATO MINISTERS. SPAAK'S REMARK REFLECTED THE GROWING CONCERN IN BOTH THE COMMON MARKET AND THE FREE TRADE ASSOCIATION THAT THE COMMERCIAL RIVALRY OF THESE TWO GROUPINGS MIGHT LEAD ULTIMATELY TO POLITICAL DIVERGENCIES IN WESTERN EUROPE. THIS CONCERN ALSO FINDS AN ECHO IN NATO.

THE SIX-NATION COMMON MARKET CONTAINS FORWARD LOOKING PLANS FOR THE POLITICAL INTEGRATION OF ITS MEMBERS.

THE BRITISH-LED EUROPEAN FREE TRADE ASSOCIATION (EFTA) IS STRICTLY A COMMERCIAL GROUPING, HOWEVER.

LORD HOME SUGGESTED THAT BRITAIN NO LONGER SHIED AWAY FROM SOME OF THE POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS OF THE COMMON MARKET. HE EXPLAINED THAT HIS GOVERNMENT WELCOMES THE ENLARGEMENT OF THE AREA OF EUROPEAN UNITY.

LORD HOME STRESSED THAT BRITAIN WANTS ITS COMMONWEALTH AND EFTA PARTNERS TO BE LED TOWARD ANY ARRANGEMENTS FOR WIDENING THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY AND NOT CONFRONTED WITH SOME ACCOMPLISHED FACT.

ANY SOLUTION OF THE PROBLEM MUST INCLUDE THE EFTA MEMBERS AND NEGOTIATIONS MUST TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THEIR VIEWS, HE SAID.

THE DANISH FOREIGN MINISTER'S REMARKS COULD ALSO BE INTERPRETED AS A CALL TO THE UNITED STATES TO PREVENT A TRADE FEUD IN WESTERN EUROPE. THE KENNEDY ADMINISTRATION ALREADY IS EXERTING CONSIDERABLE INFLUENCE IN THIS DIRECTION.

INFORMANTS QUOTED KRAG AS SAYING:

"I AM CONFIDENT THAT OUR NORTH AMERICAN ALLIES WILL WELCOME A BROAD EUROPEAN INTEGRATION. WE HAVE ALWAYS BEEN GRATEFUL TO THEM FOR THE ACTIVE INTEREST THEY HAVE TAKEN IN THE PROMOTION OF EUROPEAN COOPERATION..."

ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMON MARKET ARE MEMBERS OF NATO. FOUR EFTA MEMBERS--AUSTRIA, FINLAND, SWEDEN AND SWITZERLAND--ARE NEUTRALS NOT ALIGNED WITH ANY OF THE WORLD'S MAJOR POLITICAL GROUPINGS.

KRAG SAID "WAYS AND MEANS SHOULD BE FOUND" TO ASSOCIATE THOSE FOUR COUNTRIES WITH ANY BROAD EUROPEAN MARKET ARRANGEMENT.

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BONN, GERMANY, MAY 9 (AP)--WEST GERMANY IS OFFERING THREE TIMES MORE DEVELOPMENT AID TO INDIA THAN HAD BEEN REPORTED EARLIER, INFORMERS SAID TODAY.

THE SOURCES SAID THIS COUNTRY HAS COMMITTED ITSELF TO PROVIDE \$330 MILLION FOR INDIA'S NEW FIVE-YEAR PLAN AND THERE IS A CHANCE THE AMOUNT MAY BE INCREASED.

THIS IS BELIEVED HERE TO BE THE LARGEST OFFER BY FAR AFTER THAT OF THE UNITED STATES, REPORTED AT \$1 BILLION.

THERE HAS BEEN CRITICISM IN THE UNITED STATES AND INDIA OF WEST

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GERMANY ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT IT WOULD MAKE ONLY \$100 MILLION AVAILABLE FOR THE FIVE-YEAR PLAN.

SOURCES HERE SAID THE CRITICISM AROSE BECAUSE OF CONFUSION OVER WHAT PERIODS ARE BEING COVERED BY THE VARIOUS OFFERS. THEY SAID THAT WEST GERMANY'S \$100 MILLION OFFER FOR THE NEXT TWO YEARS IS BEING COMPARED TO THE UNITED STATES' OFFER OF \$1 BILLION FOR THE NEXT FIVE YEARS.

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THE OFFERS WERE MADE LATE LAST MONTH AT A MEETING IN WASHINGTON OF THE "AID INDIA CLUB," TO WHICH WEST GERMANY, THE UNITED STATES AND EIGHT OTHER COUNTRIES BELONG. THE CLUB IS ATTEMPTING TO RAISE SUFFICIENT MONEY TO SEE INDIA THROUGH ITS THIRD FIVE-YEAR PLAN.

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SAN DIEGO, CALIF., MAY 9 (AP)--DR. GEORGE S. BENSON, HEAD OF THE NATIONAL EDUCATION PROGRAM (CAPS N, E AND P) OF SEARCY, ARK., HAS CHALLENGED THE QUALIFICATIONS OF SOCIALIST NORMAN THOMAS TO CENSOR INFORMATION ABOUT COMMUNISM FOR THE U.S. ARMED FORCES.

BENSON, IN THE LETTER TO SECRETARY OF DEFENSE ROBERT S. MCNAMARA, SPECIFICALLY TOOK ISSUE WITH THOMAS' DEMAND THAT THE NEP FILM "COMMUNISM ON THE MAP" BE WITHDRAWN FROM THE ARMED FORCES PROGRAM. THOMAS SAID THE FILM WAS FALSE AND MISLEADING.

BENSON'S LETTER TO MCNAMARA, DATED MAY 4 AND RELEASED HERE TODAY THROUGH THE SAN DIEGO EVENING TRIBUNE, SAID:

"IF THIS NATION IS IN NEED OF FILM BURNERS, MR. THOMAS' RECORD DOES NOT RECOMMEND HIM TO EVALUATE ANTI-COMMUNIST FILMS OR OTHER ANTI-COMMUNIST MATERIALS."

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BENSON SAID THOMAS, BY PUBLISHED ACCOUNTS, HAS ALSO URGED ABOLITION OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES, SOUGHT RELEASE OF CONVICTED COMMUNIST ESPIONAGE AGENT MORTON SOBELL AND ADVOCATED TOTAL DISARMAMENT AND ABOLITION OF NUCLEAR TESTING.

THE LETTER TOOK UP AT LENGTH WHAT IT SAID WAS THOMAS' RECORD AS A PACIFIST AND DECLARED IT INDICATED THAT HE WOULD OPPOSE ANY EFFECTIVE EDUCATION FOR THE ARMED FORCES ABOUT COMMUNISM.

IT SAID THAT MANY PEOPLE RATE THE "COMMUNISM ON THE MAP" FILM "FACTUAL, REALISTIC AND ONE OF THE HARDEST HITTING TOOLS AGAINST COMMUNISM THAT IS AVAILABLE FOR USE IN AMERICA TODAY."

BENSON ALSO DISPUTED THOMAS' STATEMENT THAT THE NATIONAL EDUCATION PROGRAM IS A POSSIBLE FRONT FOR THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY. HE SAID THE NEP WAS FORMED TWO DECADES BEFORE THE SOCIETY AND THAT ITS MAIN AIMS WERE TO INFORM THE AMERICAN PEOPLE ABOUT COMMUNISM AND ITS OBJECTIVES AND TO CREATE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE AMERICAN WAY OF LIFE.

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HOUSTON, TEX., MAY 9 (AP)-THE HOUSTON SCHOOL BOARD HAS BACKED UP ITS SUPERINTENDENT, WHO TWICE BANNED THE AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION FROM RENTING A SCHOOL AUDITORIUM TO HOLD A MEETING. 3024

BY A 4-1 VOTE LAST NIGHT THE BOARD APPROVED THE ACTION OF DR. JOHN MCFARLAND, WHO REFUSED REQUESTS FROM THE HOUSTON CHAPTER OF THE UNION.

JOE KELLY BUTLER MADE THE MOTION AFTER ANOTHER BOARD MEMBER, J. W. MCCULLOUGH JR., QUOTED AN AMERICAN LEGION PUBLICATION AS SAYING THE CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION WAS FOUNDED IN 1914 TO OPPOSE NATIONAL DEFENSE.

BEN LEVY, PRESIDENT OF THE HOUSTON CHAPTER, SAID THE ACTION BY THE BOARD SHOWS A LACK OF UNDERSTANDING OF AND A DISREGARD FOR THE SPIRIT OF THE BILL OF RIGHTS AND ITS FREEDOM OF SPEECH PROVISION.

"THE ACTION IS A FANTASTIC ARROGATION OF POWER," LEVY SAID. "THE RULING WOULD BE MORE APPROPRIATE FOR A MOSCOW-PEIPING SCHOOL BOARD."

AL ABRAMS, PRESIDENT OF THE HOUSTON ASSOCIATION FOR BETTER SCHOOLS, SAID THE BOARD ADOPTED A DANGEROUS POLICY.

"WHO IS GOING TO DO THE SCREENING AND WHO IS TO SPEAK FOR THE MAJORITY OF THE PEOPLE?" ABRAMS ASKED.

MRS. FRANK G. DYER, SCHOOL BOARD PRESIDENT, DEFENDED THE BAN.

"WE ARE OPEN TO CRITICISM WHEN WE ALLOW FACILITIES TO BE USED BY A GROUP OF PEOPLE WHOSE BACKGROUND IS THAT OF THE ACLU," SHE SAID.

THE LONE VOTE AGAINST THE MOTION WAS CAST BY MRS. CHARLES WHITE, THE FIRST NEGRO TO BE ELECTED TO THE BOARD.

"WE AS INDIVIDUALS HAVE NO RIGHT TO DENY ANY ORGANIZATION THE USE OF THE BUILDINGS SIMPLY BECAUSE THAT ORGANIZATION'S PHILOSOPHY OR POLITICAL VIEWS DIFFER FROM OURS," MRS. WHITE SAID TODAY.

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BERLIN, MAY 9 (AP)-A WEST BERLIN POLICE OFFICIAL, HANS-JOACHIM SOMMERFELD, 46, WAS ARRESTED TODAY ON SUSPICION OF PARTICIPATING IN MASS SHOOTINGS OF JEWS IN THE UKRAINE, THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED. 1961

SOMMERFELD WAS CHIEF OF THE MORALS SQUAD. HE WAS SUSPENDED LAST YEAR BECAUSE FALSE ENTRIES WERE FOUND IN HIS PERSONAL RECORDS, A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

FURTHER INVESTIGATION LED TO THE STRONG SUSPICION THAT SOMMERFELD SERVED AS AN S.S. SERGEANT IN ONE OF THE DREADED COMMANDO UNITS SENT EAST BY THE NAZIS TO EXTERMINATE THE JEWS, THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

HE WAS BELIEVED TO HAVE TAKEN PART IN JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 1942, AT ARTEMOVSK, UKRAINE, IN THE SHOOTING OF 1,317 PERSONS, INCLUDING 1,224

JEWS.

ON THE BASIS OF EVIDENCE PROVIDED BY THE CRIMINAL POLICE A WARRANT WAS ISSUED BY A DISTRICT COURT. 1001

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